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## Stingerette changes open for debate

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Senior Staff Writer

The Stingerette service no longer going off campus has drawn the attention of the Student Government Association (SGA), which is now gathering student feedback about the service.

"I met with [Robert Furniss, director of Parking and Transportation] last week...and it's a very complicated issue," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president. "From the parking department's perspective there aren't the resources available [to keep the service going off-campus]."

According to Furniss, while students were taken to destinations like Home Park or the Marta station as a courtesy in the past, serving off-campus students was not at any point

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**Robert Furniss**  
Director of Parking

official Stingerette policy. "[The mile radius] was never a stipulation for Stingerette service," he said. "It's not [that] we changed anything. What we did was stop extending the courtesy that we had done the last several years. And that's not to say that...that can not change."

SGA is working with the department of Parking and Transportation to consider alternatives for running the service.

According to Furniss and Andersen, an official expansion of the Stingerette service to some off-campus destinations is possible, but it

would require additional funding for new resources.

"Honestly, it is a matter of what the students want. Would students rather have a service on campus with

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Noah Allen and Raphael Rohit wait for a ride at a subway station. The Stingerette no longer picks students up from off campus.

## Hispanic Business ranks COE second

Hispanic Business magazine ranked the College of Engineering second in the category "Top Engineering Schools for Hispanics" in its September issue.

In the article, the magazine cites student organizations as the key to increasing involvement. "Organizations such as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and La Unidad Latina increase the participation of Hispanic students in the technical professions," the article said. The magazine ranked the College of Engineering at the University of Texas El Paso first in the category.

## CRC announces extended hours

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) announced that it is extending its hours for the current semester. The CRC will be opening at 5:30 a.m. and closing at 12 a.m. on weekdays. The weekend hours have not changed. During home football games the building will open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. A complete list of building hours can be found on [www.crc.gatech.edu/geninfo.php](http://www.crc.gatech.edu/geninfo.php).

## Smith replaces McMath as vice provost

By Amanda Dugan  
News Editor

Anderson Smith, associate dean of the College of Sciences and professor of Psychology, has been named vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs. Smith follows Robert McMath, who left to take a position at the University of Arkansas.

"[It is] a great idea to have an office focused on undergraduate students," Smith said. "It seems essential. McMath created the department with his work and did an outstanding job."

Smith has served as associate dean

since 1994 and has been a professor at Tech for 35 years. Smith received his doctoral degree in Experimental Psychology from the University of Virginia. "I have been here forever. This is my 35th year. Being an experimental psychologist, it has been a great place to be," Smith said. "I really like what I'm doing. It is going to take some time and there will be a transition period where I juggle both things."

Smith's research interests focus on age differences in memory. "I teach every semester and I do research. The first question I asked about this job was if I could still teach and do research. [Provost Jean-Lou

Chameau] assured me that I could even though it appears to be a very busy position," Smith said.

Smith said that of everything he has done, he is most proud of winning the Outstanding Teacher award of everything he has done. "I am an administrator, but first of all I am a faculty member," Smith said.

As vice provost, Smith has two primary areas of responsibility. One is to direct student academic services and faculty personnel matters. The other is to coordinate campus-wide initiatives to improve teaching and learning. Smith has assumed coordination of the Undergraduate Learning Center (ULC), a project

that would pull together resources for beginning students that was started under McMath.

Smith has served as co-chair with Richard Meyer on the committee developing the ULC. "[The ULC] brings all of the support services together. The same with advising, but most of that will be referring freshmen and sophomores from the center," Smith said. "This is a very important building and we want to make sure we do it good."

Smith said they are working to add more undergraduates to serve on the ULC planning committee.

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## UCEA gives Holm faculty award

William Holm, assistant vice provost of Distance Learning and Professional Education (DLPE), was given the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) Region South Continuing Education Faculty Award at the UCEA South Regional Conference last week. The conference was held in Savannah from Sept. 18 to Sept. 20.

The award is presented to a faculty member who exhibits excellence in the field of continuing education.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**A night at the theater:** The improv comedy group, the Gorgeous Ladies of Comedy, perform as part of DramaTech's Black Box Comedy Festival.

## Techworks accepts donations

By Ranganath Venkataraman  
Contributing Writer

Faculty and staff will be able to contribute to the Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign online at [techworks.gatech.edu](http://techworks.gatech.edu) starting Oct. 19. This change is part of a process to simplify donating and increase funding for the campaign. This annual program's open enrollment time runs until Nov. 23.

The Charitable Campaign is part of the State Charitable Contributions program, which was created by the 1982 Georgia General Assembly in order to allow state employees to make financial contributions to their choice of charities. This program donates to 46 independent charitable organizations and

42 charitable federations. These groups oversee fundraising for over 1200 agencies.

The campaign used to of-

**"[Moving donations online] cuts the budget in half."**

**Carolyn Schneider**  
Charitable Campaign  
Committee Head

ficially start in September when faculty and staff received pamphlets about the program. Campaign coordinators for each department had the responsibil-

ity for distributing and then later collecting the pledge cards. The introduction of this online system has removed the need for coordinators and reduced the operating budget.

"It cuts the budget in half, which is a big thing, because the more we save, the more we help out," said Carolyn Schneider, administrative manager in Student Planning and Financial Services and head of the committee that manages the campaign.

"We used to have a departmental coordinator. We used to have a kick-off breakfast...[and] a thank-you luncheon, which you can imagine how expensive that is. We don't have to do those anymore," Schneider said.

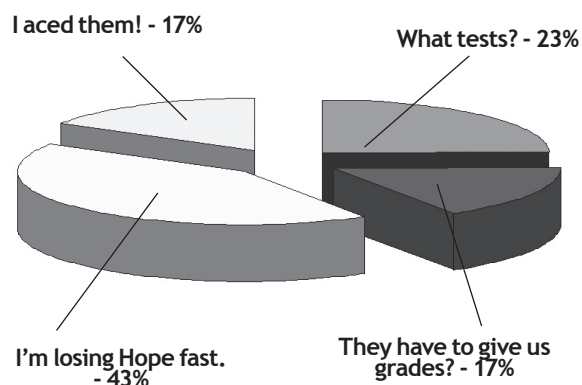
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### Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 83 responses.

#### How did your first rounds of tests go?



By Lauren Griffin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

#### Do you like Thursday night football?

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#### Suspicious person

9/8/2005 8:59:00 hrs.

**Location:** Bobby Dodd Way/Williams St.

**Incident:** Offender gave false name and was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning.

#### Motor vehicle theft

8/30/2005 10:00:00 hrs.

**Location:** 500 block Ninth St.

**Incident:** Report of a stolen black 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe.

9/10/2005 11:48:00 hrs.

**Location:** 175 Fourth St./Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity House

**Incident:** Report of a stolen blue 2001 Nissan.

### From the files of the GTPD...

## Crime Reports

#### Larceny-theft

9/9/2005 0:26:00 hrs.

**Location:** 750 Ferst Dr./CRC Field

**Incident:** Report of a stolen cell-phone.

9/9/2005 4:30:00 hrs.

**Location:** 700 block Brittain Dr.

**Incident:** Report of stolen speakers and shelves.

9/9/2005 16:30:00 hrs.

**Location:** 351 Ferst Dr./Student Center

**Incident:** Report of a stolen wallet and tote bag.

9/9/2005 17:00:00 hrs.

**Location:** 118 Bobby Dodd Way/Glenn Residence Hall

**Incident:** Report of a stolen bicycle.

9/10/2005 15:39:00 hrs.

**Location:** 157 North Ave.

**Incident:** Report of a stolen wallet.

#### Information

9/8/2005 1:50:00 hrs.

**Location:** 740 Cherry St./Library

**Incident:** Report of a dispute between two Facilities employees.

9/10/2005 9:38:00 hrs.

**Location:** 749 Fowler Street/Peters Parking Deck

**Incident:** Report of a stolen center console.

#### Fire

9/9/2005 17:16:00 hrs.

**Location:** 711 Techwood Dr./Field Residence Hall

**Incident:** Report of a fire in a trash can.

#### Simple battery

9/10/2005 18:36:00 hrs.

**Location:** North Ave./Techwood Dr.

**Incident:** Offender arrested for Simple Battery on Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

## Corrections

The photo caption in last week's men's tennis preview on page 25 incorrectly identified former Tech player Jason Pieters as David North.

### sliver

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man, Slivers are a procrastina-tors best friend

there needs to be an all slivers issue of the nique

funny the nique parroter-in-chief writing about freespeech...

what next Gore giving a talk at the CoC about the infrastruc-ture of the internet followed

by Donald Trumps lecture in Management Building

\$100 says %50 of the people at do not know the difference

between the World Wide Web and the Internet....questions

like that should be on the ap-plication atleast

I saw Ali goes to Tech now.... he was on my facebook friends

list

why does it seem like the Hill has taken a Bushonian stand

toward women at Tech (if we quit trying to bring them in

now, that would mean the boys have won)

Hill babying freshman.... what the Four Horseman of

the Apocalypse have to go teach that Basketball course

at U(sic)GAG to keep their football program legit

I propose Operation Viagra to help stiffen the Shaft so that

the Freshman do not get off too easy

Shaft too soft on 1st years now...sounds like a job for the

Dark Lord of CS and the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse

(and their little friend Lubin-sky too)

no one put the fact that we do not follow the constitution as

a big constitutional problem facing us today...

China just came (No Pun In-tended) out with a new brand of

condoms, Clinton Condoms. I wonder if they will protect the

Coc better than Trojans

Blonde Management Chick in Econ class has TBS....sorry

guys

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# Senate appoints members at large

By Nikhil Joshi  
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate passed only one bill in its weekly meeting Tuesday, the third of the current semester. The bill, which was passed at the beginning of the meeting, involved the appointment of senators.

After roll was called, the bill was moved from old business to be considered immediately. Kasi David, graduate student body president, proceeded to describe the bill, which he authored.

"Generally we have open seats available," David said. "I take the chance to appoint members-at-large who want to get involved."

The Senate passed the bill and David swore in the senators with the traditional oath.

Mitch Keller, graduate student body president, said that because the positions of coordinating officer,

## Bills passed

- Appointment of Graduate Student Senators

secretary or treasure were not filled these reports were not given. Tuesday was the first meeting for many of the senators and Keller expressed his appreciation of their attendance. "We like to see that so many people have come today," he said.

The meeting's agenda included only one bill in old business, an allocation to the annual Homecoming event, authored by Pelham Norville. However, Norville promptly withdrew the bill. He said that after speaking with the organizational representatives, he realized that the organization was asking for funding for next year's event. This, he said, was something that SGA could not currently allocate money for in a bill. "I encouraged representatives to put this bill in the form of a budget request," he said.

## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# Representatives appoint JFC

By James Stephenson  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed three bills in its weekly meeting Tuesday.

The meeting started with a presentation from guest speaker Andrew Harris, Director of Government Relations. Harris talked about the Legislative Internship Program, the legislative network present in the state and potential upcoming legislation affecting Tech.

David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, was next to report. Andersen first spoke about the new vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, Anderson Smith, and his role in overseeing the undergraduate curriculum.

Andersen then reported on the issues with the Career Fair. Andersen said that in the past, many students have had trouble getting excused from class to attend the fair.

Andersen reported that a letter had been sent to President Clough expressing the students' displeasure with the way the Barbell Club had been closed. He said President Clough responded by saying a new policy shall be in place to handle future incidents. Andersen said the policy will not help the Barbell Club but will give other organizations in the same situation due process.

Andersen also said he wants the new Atlantic Station development to have ties with the Tech Community. He said one possible way to do so is the creation of a bus route between Atlantic Station and



By Jason Ossey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

David Andersen said that the Stingerette will be willing to go back off campus if students speak up and are willing to wait extra time.

campus. However, he said both sides currently do not have the funds to achieve this.

Andersen also spoke about the changes to the Stingerette services. He said that the Stingerette will be willing to go back off campus if there is strong enough outcry from the students and students are willing to wait the extra time.

The representatives passed three bills. The first bill, Appointment for Council Representative, was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to suspend the by-laws and move two bills, Appointment of Institute Committees

## Bills passed

- Appointment for Council Representative
- Appointment of Institute Committees
- Appointment of Joint Finance Committee Members

and Appointments of Joint Finance Committee Members, to Old Business. The motion was passed by two-thirds majority vote and both bills were passed by unanimous vote. The new members of the Joint Finance Committee who were present at the meeting were sworn in.

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going to be voting next term, not all those 4th graders he let out of  
school...

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a shorter response time, or would they rather have a service that goes off campus with boundaries to Home Park and have a longer response time? Because when I met with [Parking and Transportation] they basically said we can do either or," Andersen said.

Students who live close to campus and used the Stingerette were not able to plan for the change. "A lot of people consider Home Park to be part of campus. Atlantic Station is a different story, Vinings is a different story. But a lot of people consider...Home Park and Centennial Place to be part of the campus, so they were pretty upset...and they were also concerned about safety issues. This far into the semester they hadn't factored into their budget that they would need to pay for transportation or pay for a taxi or get a car," Andersen said.

Parking and Transportation has been criticized for failing to get information about the change announced early enough to give students an opportunity to prepare.

"I still think this situation could have been handled better and I still think there should have been more

of a heads up for students. We should have received a megamod in the summer about this, and in the beginning of the summer," Andersen said.

Transportation was also criticized for not soliciting student feedback, an error Furniss said he acknowledged. Funds to operate the Stingerette and other transportation services, such as the Stinger buses and the Tech Trolley, come from the mandatory Student Transportation Fee, which currently stands at 57 dollars per semester.

According to Furniss, expanding the service to off-campus destinations would require an increase in the fee of \$2.60 per student per semester.

Furniss said he is hesitant to ask for more fee increases, and the goal of enforcing campus boundaries is to avoid needing to request one.

"Every dollar is out of your pocket, obviously, and I'm not the only one requesting it," he said. "We're going to provide you an excellent service within these boundaries. We're not going to raise any more fees; we don't need to. We run the service and that's what it is."

Another drawback for increasing fees to deal with the service is the relatively low usage statistics for the Stingerette.

"It's anywhere from 150 to as

many as 300 [riders] a night, depending on weather conditions. So yeah, if you look at campus population on any given day, what do we have, 17,000 students, roughly? And we have 150 riding the system on a given night? Yeah, the percentage is really, really low," Furniss said.

The total number of riders for the service dropped from 21,678 riders over the course of the semester in Fall 2004 to 15,714 riders in the spring.

Still, some students wonder how useful a service that does not go off campus is. "Since it does just go across campus, you might as well just walk anyway. I don't ever really feel in danger on campus," said David Shirley, a fourth-year Computer Science major.

One option currently under consideration by SGA is to charge students who wish to use the Stingerette for off-campus travel an additional fee. "We would like to look at the possibility of having students who rode the Stingerette swipe their BuzzCard for off-campus driving," Andersen said. "There might be reasons it could not work, but we think it's definitely something worth looking at."

The need to reduce wait times for on-campus users was cited as a major

reason for boundary enforcement. The service's wait times went down since it stopped serving off-campus users. In February 2005, more than 350 calls involved wait times of more than 20 minutes. In the first few weeks of the semester, however, only approximately 30 calls took that long to be dealt with.

According to Furniss, the goal is to ensure no student has to wait that long for the service. "[Since the change] 80 percent of our people are being serviced in five to six minutes. That's acceptable. That's not leaving people on the street stranded waiting for indefinite periods of time," he said.

Furniss also pointed to several affordable alternatives to the Stingerette, such as the Evening and Weekend permit, which allows students to park on campus between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

According to Andersen, SGA will solicit student input in a variety of ways.

"We have not formed a decision on this, but what I can say is we are actively searching for the right answer, and we're actively searching to find out what students want," he said.

Students can give Andersen feedback directly by emailing [president@sga.gatech.edu](mailto:president@sga.gatech.edu).

## OBITUARY

Tech lost a member of its community when Dr. Steven Kudravi passed away over the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

Dr. Kudravi became Senior Academic Professional in the School of Biology in May 2004. In little more than a year, he transformed the introductory biology laboratory classes at Tech into discovery labs with original experiments.

Dr. Kudravi also mentored both graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants, continually coaching them to improve their teaching skills. He taught classes in Introductory Microbiology and Medical Microbiology.

In memory of Dr. Kudravi, the School of Biology is establishing an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Dr. Kudravi's name.

He is survived by his two sisters, Kathy and Kris Kudravi, as well as his mother Paula Kudravi.

A memorial service in honor of Dr. Kudravi will be hosted by the School of Biology Thurs., Oct. 6 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Parker H. Petit Biotechnology Building in Room 1128.



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Ted Kennedy is coming to my EAS class to tell us how a Democrat President would stop hurricanes, should be a ground breaking lecture VPI may have won the ball game...but they still have a f#\$%@@% turkey as a mascot Here's to bouncing back GT football. Girls, just because there aren't many of you doesn't mean you can stop trying to impress us. Hayes admitted to liking women "big and beautiful". Here's your chance ladies. I think that punching hippies and metrosexuals is a marvelous idea.

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Schneider said the process for making donations online is very simple. The Charitable Campaign link on the employees' homepage brings up the pledge card with information on what they donated last year.

In order to make their contribution for the next year employees use the Add Pledge link. Employees can then browse the list of charities and choose the charity and the amount to donate. Once the donation is made and saved, Schneider said it goes automatically to payroll and the employee can view an updated pledge card. "There are no lost pledge cards...no running around the campus," Schneider said.

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He said that funding for the ULC will come from the upcoming capital campaign and the Board of Regents. "What a great opportunity for alumni to give to something that will have an impact on all undergraduates," Smith said. "It is on the Board of Regents list. I really hope we get planning money. We are probably three years away from it being operational."

Smith said he is hopeful of the impact the ULC will have on academic life. "There are lots of innovative things to think about doing in the ULC, where every student will be," Smith said.

The proposed honors program is another reason Smith said he is

Employees can still choose to donate by cash or check. Schneider said the result is a process that is more secure and more convenient.

**"It sounds so...[simple] and yet it helps so many people."**

**Carolyn Schneider**  
Charitable Campaign  
Committee Head

"[The pledge cards are] right there at the employee's finger tips," Schneider said. "Then we had employees who wanted their contributions to be

anonymous...this gives them their confidentiality."

All departments will still be able to contribute. "We're available to do departmental presentations... on whatever level they need," Schneider said. She said she expects to see an increase in donations this year and would like to get students involved. Students can get printed pledge cards from Schneider and make donations by cash or check.

"[I would like to meet with any] student organization [that] wants to contribute," Schneider said.

Four dollars a month can provide a wig for a child with cancer, while eight dollars a month can provide food for a family of four for two weeks according to Schneider. "It sounds so...[simple] and yet it helps so many people," she said.

excited about the new position. "[We will be] able to recruit students who would have gone to the Ivy leagues. [The honors program] will increase academic diversity," Smith said.

Smith said they are currently working out the details of the program. "I don't know concrete examples. We sort of know what it looks like...but we need to work things out...to market [it] to the students," Smith said. "We have to continue to attract the very, very best, if it does not do that then [the honors program] is not successful."

Smith said he hopes to focus on academics. "We have done a lot to improve student life, now we have to enhance academic life," he said.

He also plans to continue faculty development. "I'd like to see us take

a look at what we need in faculty training. [Finding] someone junior faculty can ask about issues with [administration], personal life and research. Senior faculty that [can serve as] mentors," Smith said.

Smith said he hopes to improve faculty teaching by increasing response to student evaluation surveys. "We must make the student evaluation of faculty work," Smith said. "Students need to take responsibility; if they are not satisfied they need to fill out the evaluation. This is a way we can reward good teaching and stop the bad."

Smith said that teaching is an important part of the tenure process. "We need [the teaching] to work and [it is] required in tenure and promotion packages," he said.

## Breaking the Bubble

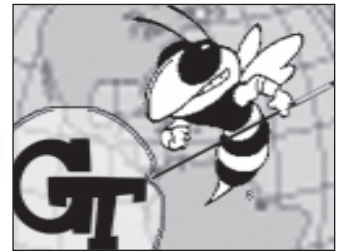
A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### Private sentenced to three years for abuse

American Private First Class Lynndie England was sentenced to three years in jail Tuesday for abusing prisoners of war in Iraq. England was the ninth low-level soldier that was court-martialed in the trial of detainee abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison.

She was originally charged with up to nine years, but the prosecution asked for four to six years in trial England, who said that she was acting to please her boyfriend, Private Charles Graner, was convicted on six of seven counts.

According to CNN, she said that Graner took advantage of their relationship, making her pose with Iraqis in the questionable pictures taken by American guards at Abu Ghraib. "I was used by Private Graner," she said, as quoted by CNN. "I didn't realize it at the time." One of the pictures depicted her holding a naked prisoner on a leash. In another, she stood with a pyramid of naked prisoners, pointing at one man's genitals. England apologized to American soldiers and to the families of Abu Ghraib prisoners



at the trial. "I heard attacks were made on coalition forces because of the photos. I apologize to coalition forces and their families that lost their life or were injured because of the photos," she said.

### Ask Jeeves changes image, drops Jeeves

InterActiveCorp, the company which bought Ask Jeeves Inc. in July, plans to change the [www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com) website's image to get rid of Jeeves, the British butler it features.

CNN reported that chairman of InterActiveCorp, Barry Diller, said that InterActiveCorp would be getting rid of Jeeves and changing the website's official name to Askor Ask.com at an investor conference during the past week.

Diller said that the overweight and balding butler does not represent the image that the company wants to represent the search engine. "Not that I don't like that fat butler," he said.

Research done by the company, Diller said, showed that users tended to associate Jeeves with inconsistency, which was characteristic of the search engine before its technology was upgraded to match that of Google and Yahoo.

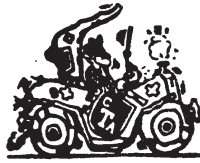
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"It has yet to be proven that intelligence has any survival value."  
—Arthur C. Clarke

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

### Dear Mr. Smith

After the departure of Bob McMath to the University of Arkansas this summer, students were left wondering who would be selected to fill his large shoes. This week we found out: Anderson Smith, an associate dean in the College of Sciences, will be McMath's replacement as vice provost of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs.

As the first-ever vice provost of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, McMath set a high bar for the position. Always a friend of the students, McMath brought forth many of the initiatives that continue to shape the Institute today and helped expand Tech's focus to include more than just graduate research, giving added attention to the undergraduate learning experience.

Thus it is exciting to see Smith's commitment to undergraduate education. Even as he prepares to take on his new responsibilities as vice provost, Smith, who won an Outstanding Teacher Award in 1999, will continue to teach undergraduate courses and conduct his research on age and memory.

Smith, who has been at Tech since 1970, should be very familiar with the issues that are important to students, and we hope he can use this to his advantage. As a veteran of the Tech way of life, Smith won't face the often-difficult struggle of adjusting to the job of a Tech administrator. With many exciting on-going initiatives to focus on, Smith has the opportunity to make his presence felt immediately.

While Smith's long tenure at Tech is a positive asset to his ability to enact changes, hopefully he can retain an open mind when performing his administrative duties. Tech students are brimming with new ideas on how to improve the school, and a change in the guard is a perfect time to address and take a look at some of the issues that affect our academic lives.

In recent years, the Division of Student Affairs has made strides in improving student life. We are no longer in the top 15 for "Least Happy Students" in the Princeton Review's annual rankings, but we do still top the list for "Class Discussions Rare" and are No. 4 for "Professors Get Low Marks."

Pushing the initiatives such as the Undergraduate Learning Center, the Honors Program, the International Plan and the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program should help remedy these issues, however care should still be taken to implement these programs properly instead of rushing to expedite the implementation.

We wish Smith luck in his new position, and look forward to see what he brings to the table.

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By Erin Gatlin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Tech lacks true football spirit

College game day—I get excited months ahead just thinking about it. Fall means football season, and I love when noon comes every Saturday.

My favorite part of college football is the tradition: the excitement that is poured into every game from stellar student athletes who are balancing the demands of class and practice generates the emotion on the field. And in the stands, I love the fans and the cheers—everything that makes being at the game an incredible experience.

I guess you could say I come from a "football family." Game day means greasy wings, snack mix and constant channel flipping all day long. I grew up in the south in the heart of the SEC schedule—a conference that lives and breathes football, embodying tradition and fierce rivalries. Nearly every game is a tough win.

I was (and to some extent still am) a diehard Auburn fan from birth, donning the cute little cheerleading outfit at age three and crying "War Eagle!" after every kickoff for my mom's alma mater. There is something about the spirit along the plains, with fans outpouring in an intense sea of orange to tailgate hours in advance.

But my point is not a banner article to glorify Auburn or SEC football. I was in the stands dressed in yellow cheering the Jackets to victory in our season opener on the road, and I would not trade the vivacity of that win for anything.

I love Tech tradition and Tech football—we boast an extensive history of remarkable athletes, awe-inspiring coaches, national championships, bowl games, vicious rivalries and a slew of spirit as Ramblin' Wrecks.

But as much as I love Tech (yes, I know I am a nerd and I really do love our school), I am disillusioned with Tech's overall lack of support



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**Halley Espy**  
Executive Editor

and intensity on game days.

As a first-year student last year, I had no idea what to expect with Tech and the ACC. There was a sense of unfamiliar excitement as I dressed up in yellow and pearls for the first game, complete with a date and tailgating fun.

But the momentum of the crowd seemed lost and seats were empty. The thousands of diehard fans were absent from the crowd and the intensity of the game was just not there.

As the course of the 2004 season progressed, this trend stayed the same; the fan-base seemed to fluctuate and never fully embodied my perception of football in the South.

I am aware that I am making an apparent generalization. I road-tripped to Clemson (the pinnacle of last year's season, and such an incredible victory), and I went to every home game with loyal Tech fans that love college game day just as much as I do—I know Tech has great fans.

But as a team steep in tradition in the heart of Atlanta, why do we have seemingly poor school spirit and why are we unable to fill our stadium come Saturday?

As a fan rooted in the SEC, I originally attributed the lack of support and intensity from fans to the ACC conference itself.

However, I can no longer attribute the lack of school spirit and

fan-base for Tech football to solely ACC conference. I hate to mention Virginia Tech (the game is still painful to think about), but Blacksburg was crazy. Fans poured out on game day as if football was a way of life. And not to mention Miami, FSU, Virginia—game days there are an institution.

So why is Tech so different from these universities? Why can we not even draw a crowd for a pep rally or an away game send off aside from the band, cheerleaders, and Ramblin' Reck Club? Where are the students?

Poor marketing and communication could possibly be attributed to the Athletic Association and the institution. Who knew the Virginia Tech student tickets were being sold back to Blacksburg weeks prior to the game or that a lottery existed for the Athens game last year?

But support has to be generated from all aspects of Tech life.

Tech is a unique university, and I would not trade my experience here or the dynamic student body. We are by no means a bandwagon school, and we pull our support from current students and alumni. We are a smaller institution by numbers and an academically challenging university geared toward getting a degree.

But this season I am making no more excuses. Tech students simply

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# Priority registration system requires fairness

Over the summer, I authored a Focus article highlighting the priority registration system here at Tech. And now I'm going to make a frank admission: that article was motivated by an incident that revealed just how unjust and unfair that system is to the student body.

I have an undying love for science fiction, and I was all set to enroll in Dr. Lisa Yaszek's Science Fiction course this past spring. I had four years worth of academic credits under my belt—enough, I thought, to guarantee an early enough time ticket to register for the class. I held my breath and logged into OSCAR at the earliest possible moment only to discover—surprise!—the class had filled up hours earlier.

I was furious, and I knew who the culprits were: priority registration students.

For those of you who don't know, class registration is based on a course credit system: the more credits you accumulate, the earlier you get to register. But a selected group of students gets to register first, regardless of the number of credits earned.

The problem is that it puts the rest of us upperclassmen at a disadvantage, because our credits don't count for much if our favorite classes continue to fill up before we can get to them. Furthermore, it means that many elective courses will fill up with



"I call on the Registrar and her staff to reconsider the priority registration system."

**Josh Cuneo**  
Online Editor

students looking for an easy A instead of students genuinely interested in the material. So I thought it was time to shed some light on the subject. I examined many of the groups who benefit from priority registration, and I will now proceed to question their legitimacy.

Should disabled students get it? Yes, but only where necessary. There are some disabilities that do not impact when or where you attend class, so not every disabled student needs priority registration. But if you're blind, or you're in a wheelchair, or you absolutely have to be back at your apartment once every six hours to take your medication, then yes, you definitely need priority registration.

Should student athletes get it? That's a little more complicated. The intellectual elitist in me wants to insist that students are in their sport by choice, and no student should receive academic merit for that choice. But I also understand that many students

are here on scholarships, and they wouldn't be in school at all if not for their athletic prowess. These athletes need to stay in their sport to stay in school, so it's important that they have ample time in their day for practice and games.

Should FASET leaders and Registrar's office assistants get it? I understand that the Registrar's office wants to reward students who assist them, so I guess I'm willing to live with it. These students only make up a tiny fraction of the priority registration group anyway, but I would like to see the Registrar's office consider other incentives.

Should tour guides get it? No. Students become tour guides by choice, and their participation does nothing to assist either their academic standing or the Registrar's office. This is where the priority registration system fails: it rewards students on the basis of their choice of activities.

Yes, I understand that the guides need to be available during

the predefined tour hours, but many organizations hold their members to inflexible schedules. *Technique* editors, housing staff, organization presidents and the like are required to report to their activities at assigned times, so perhaps they should get priority registration to avoid any scheduling conflicts.

If we allow inflexibility to serve as an excuse for tour guides, then in the interest of fairness, all organizations with this same standard should receive it. Otherwise, if a student finds that a class conflicts with an activity, then he must choose to either drop the activity or the class, regardless of the activity in question.

Should Presidents Scholars receive it? Absolutely not! This is the worst possible group to receive such a privilege! No student should be put at an academic disadvantage just so another student can rest on his high school laurels. I understand that the PS program is supposed to draw in the top students who might be torn between Tech and, say, Harvard or MIT, but I highly doubt that any candidate's decision rests on which school provides a better class registration deal.

So I call on the Registrar and her staff to reconsider the priority registration system. It

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## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



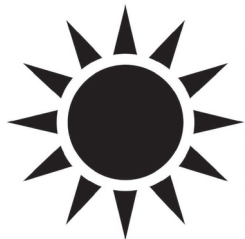
#### Survey says

It's great to see SGA going off its way to get student feedback on the issue of off-campus Stingerette service. The timely response to a hot-button issue reflects SGA's commitment to students. Hopefully, SGA and Parking and Transportation can work out a solution that lets students keep using the service for safe transport outside of campus boundaries and still doesn't cost an arm and a leg.



#### Football fumbles

Everyone expected the Virginia Tech game to be a tough challenge for the Jackets, but not to the tune of a 51-7 blowout. True, Reggie Ball saw limited practice as a result of his hospital stint last weekend, but the team just did not preform like a top-25 team. A score this lopsided is a huge surprise, even against such a formidable competitor. Let's hope the N.C. State game goes better.



#### Making it count

The Tech Charitable Campaign has cut its operational budget in half by moving operations online to Techworks. Not only will it be easier for faculty and staff to donate, but now their donations will go that much further. If only we could start a "feed the hungry students" campaign on Techworks.



#### Midterm blues

Tests are tough, and they are even tougher when eight of them come within the span of one week. It's not like a normal week at Tech isn't stressful enough for us students, but when professors have to give exams for midterm grades, the stress level goes up a notch. It's enough to make you want to tear your hair out.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Consolidation proves illogical

Arcadiy Kantor draws a horrible conclusion in his recent editorial. The idea of consolidating "similar" student organizations in order to make it easier for freshmen to select an extracurricular activity is absurd and by simply applying this concept to other "problems" this will hopefully become evident.

By Kantor's logic, we could reduce the number of opinions on the Op-Ed pages, since each columnist essentially performs the same task.

By extending this logic even further, we as a student body would save the money spent on student publications every year if we simply consolidated the yearbook and the *Technique* into a single publication. The task both organizations perform—reporting on the events that take place at Tech, granted at slightly different timeframes—is essentially the same.

We could continue to reduce redundancy by focusing our gaze,

not just on publications, but on Tech at large. There would be one fraternity and one sorority on campus. They all do about the same thing, right? There'd be one elliptical trainer in the CRC. And there would only be one Stinger pattering around campus (even though sometimes it feels like that anyway).

We could reduce the amount of redundancy here at Tech, but would it really solve the problem of freshman burnout?

I find it hard to believe that just because we have clubs that "sound" the same on Cyberbuzz our freshmen are not staying involved in extracurricular activities.

There may be several reasons that some students just seem to drop out of activities. For example, perhaps they're reading too many student publications.

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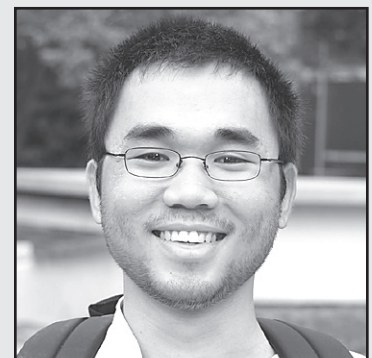
### Around the Campus

#### International Plan: Thoughts, anyone?



**Amy Griswold**  
Second-year CE

"Don't know enough about it to say."

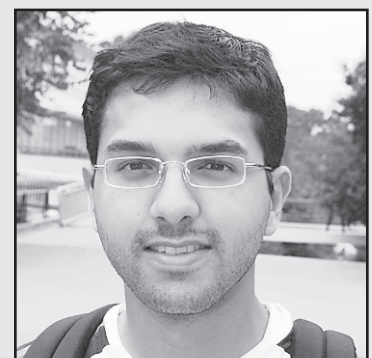


**Chee Soon Lee**  
Fourth-year CS  
"Like study abroad?"



**Callie Reis**  
First-year ME

"It's a great way to experience other cultures and apply that to...industry."



**Rahul Rajan**  
Fourth-year ECE

"I wish I was a freshman, so I could do it."

Photos by Jon Drews



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should only be given to those who absolutely need it to succeed scholastically. I bet that we could cut out enough trivial recipients that no rising fifth-year would ever have to face the dilemma I did.

I also call on all other colleges and schools at Tech to start offering more sections of their most popular courses, or else find other methods to restrict the number of priority registration students who can enter. Offering major restrictions or more permit-required courses is a good start.

As for me, my story has a happy ending. After a talk with my academic advisor, I established a line of communication with Dr. Yaszek over the summer and proved my worthiness to earn an overload into her class. But by the time any student gets to year five, overloads should cease to be an issue.

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need to get out of their rooms and into the stadium. Have some fun. Tailgate all day long. Wear a crazy yellow wig and paint your body. Yell incessantly. Road trip (it is an amazing experience). Crowd around a small TV in someone's dorm room and watch the away games. Fill the stadium and watch how intimidating a crowd can be. Go to the pep rallies and send off. Game day is what we, the student body, make of it—we are responsible for keeping the Tech tradition alive.

**Evolution debate cooks up ideological soup**

This week I hyperventilated once again while reading the evening news, for the “intelligent design” debate has resurfaced in a boiling soup of ideological heat, political lightning strikes and acidic verbal sparring.

I hyperventilate because every time I read about the evolution debate, I'm reminded of the impossibly awful Tim Burton remake of *The Planet of the Apes*.

That movie was so bad I returned the movie to Blockbuster without seeing the end. So bad, in fact, when my mother found out I was dating someone who at the time had walked out of the theater during this movie, she said, “Oh, he sounds like a quality guy.”

For those who haven't seen it, there are teenage monkeys playing basketball in an urban-like primate environment. There's also the sexy, voluptuous blond woman who's appeared in every other B-movie since 1935 and stays perpetually 25 years old.

I turned off the movie when a Jesus-like ape descends in a spaceship and the monkeys bow down to worship him in an act that was either extremely sacrilegious or proof Tim Burton couldn't afford a competent animal trainer.

So I avoid that movie whenever possible, much as I avoid the Varsity.

But the remake does remind me of the many ways humans are intimately connected with monkeys from tool-making skills to similari-



**“We’ve gone from full-out trials to stickers with some minor court cases...Now that’s a step in the right linear and preconceived direction!”**

**Alexandra Pajak**  
Columnist

ties in hemoglobin structure. The movie also reminds me that evolution has brought us many good things, indeed.

Take, for instance, postmodernist literature and moral relativism. They always brighten my day. Or paternity tests, never hurts to have those handy.

Perhaps through understanding evolution, we can make the world an even better place. We could breed really cute poodles with pink fur or create entirely new species in a science lab. (Hypoallergenic dogs and cats would rock my Claritin world.)

Which brings me to my point: we've come a really long way in this past century in teaching evolution:

In 1925 the Scopes trials in Tennessee agreed it was legal to teach evolution.

In 2001, Cobb County placed stickers on biology textbooks stating that evolution is only a “theory.”

Currently in 2005, parents are suing a Philadelphia school district for incorporating “intelligent design”

in ninth grade biology classes.

We've gone from full-out trials to stickers with some minor court cases here and there. Just superficial stuff, really. Now that's a step in the right linear and preconceived direction!

I remember learning about evolution for the first time in 10th grade. It was kind of scary. Thinking we all just got here randomly. But then maybe skipping class wasn't so bad after all. Maybe shoplifting isn't a big deal if a person doesn't get caught.

Maybe I didn't have to eat my vegetables, since I'd just die anyway. (Yes, that's sarcasm. Have a sense of humor and get off your pessimistic cross, people.)

I heard something on NPR by a physics and mathematics professor from Columbia University named Brian Greene who supports string theory—the idea that the entire universe is connected in a unified framework.

He said that no “scientific achievements have told us why we're here or given us the answer to life's

meaning—questions science may never address. But just as our experience playing baseball is enormously richer if we know the rules of the game, the better we understand the universe's rules—the laws of physics—the more deeply we can appreciate our lives within it.”

I'd like to meet Mr. Greene sometime. Maybe he and I could share some herbal tea or decaf Frappuccino and other stunning culinary creations and make up our own dialogue to a muted *Planet of the Apes*.

Do those particular monkeys have the right thumbs to properly pass a basketball?

Were anorexic women attractive back in the Stone Age?

And where are Jimmy Caviezel and Mel Gibson when you need them?

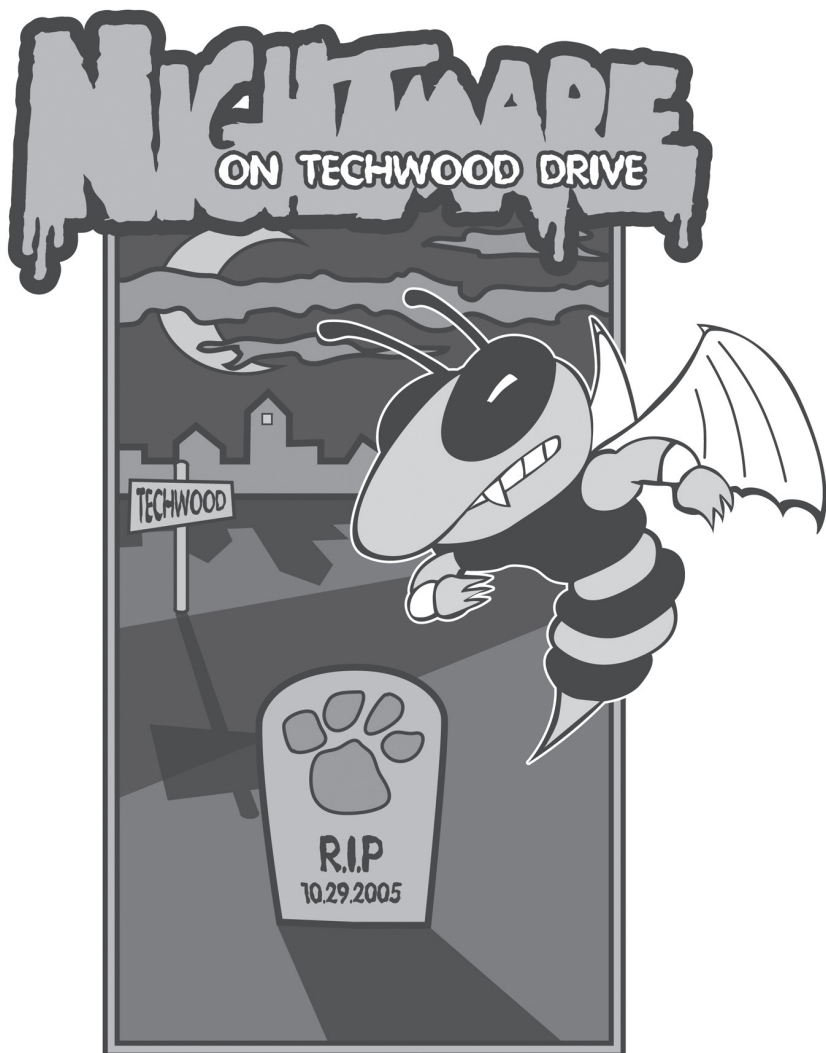
So bring me some *E. coli* and I'll show you how those suckers get immune to antibiotics.

Give me a textbook with a misleading sticker and I'll gently peel it off with a little warm water and soap on a washcloth (I learned that trick from my mom.)

Take me to the Atlanta Zoo, and I'll gladly visit the gorillas and pay my respects to Willy B, for he and I share some second cousins thrice removed.

From the dark and the deep to the fish to the land to my navel lint, I love America. Let's steer it in the right direction. And the direction I mean is to the left. And as quickly as possible.

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## TWIN TALES

Think having family in another state is troublesome? Twins have each other, constantly, as sources of support and annoyance. **Page 11**

## WALLACE AND GROMIT

The cheese-loving inventor and dog duo, Wallace and Gromit, hit silver screens with their first full-length feature film. **Page 15**



# Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff rocks Skiles



Photo courtesy of Alex Escudero

Claudia Leiseca, Yandra Pulido and Paola Hernandez, from the Spanish Speaking Organization, dance to Latin music at the Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff.

By Trevor Stittleburg  
Contributing Writer

What do fried bananas, tango dancing and the music of an Argentinian band called Los Rodriguez have in common?

They are all representative of Latin culture and could be found at the Hispanic Heritage Month opening celebration this past Tuesday at Yellow Jacket Park.

The event featured Latin music, dancing, food and information for anyone interested in Hispanic organizations.

It was hosted by the Spanish Speaking Organization (SSO), the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Lambda Theta Alpha, the only Latina sorority in the country.

Alex Escudero, an Industrial Engineering major, took a break from DJing the event to comment on Latin music and the significance of the celebration.

"The purpose of this event is to unify the Latin community and to promote our culture to everyone. Latin music like Los Rodriguez is getting to be mainstream," Escudero said.

Rodolfo Camacho, an attendee at the event, concurred.

"This lets people hear something they don't hear quite often. People usually hear maybe pop or techno music but not Latin," he said.

Camacho plans to become more involved in Latin orga-

nizations.

"The Hispanic population here is growing and this lets people learn more about the culture," Camacho said.

This event was not just about free food and music, however.

**"Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is meant to encourage all Hispanics to feel proud of [their] heritage as well as to give an opportunity for non-Hispanics to learn more about our culture."**

**Katherine Fong**  
President, Spanish Speaking Organization

Passer-bys navigated a maze on the lawn and were rewarded free t-shirts for answering trivia questions about Latin culture and being brave enough to enter the competition.

"The maze is a nice educational way to learn about the different flags and cultures. It really shows

the diversity [of Hispanics]. Everyone isn't Mexican," said Sebastian Bercerra, who joined SSO at the celebration.

Bercerra hopes to take advantage of the social offerings of the organization.

"I heard about this basically through word of mouth, and Latino Welcome Weekend," he said.

"Hopefully I can meet more Hispanics through these organizations, or maybe just get some good food, we'll see."

The SSO and SHPE have planned several events throughout October, including a movie night on Oct. 10 with the showing of a Chilean film titled *Machuca* about two young students in politically unstable Chile.

SHPE has planned a skydiving event for this Sat., Oct. 1.

Later in the month, International Affairs professor Kurt Bowman who is a director of summer study abroad programs in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Cuba, will give a lecture on Latin America.

In addition to kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month, the festival allowed students to see all that the Hispanic organizations on campus have to offer.

"It's about being more visible, for Tech students to be aware of our presence and what we're all about," said Lucas Posabo, exter-

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# French Building has unique history, old world flavor

By Chanchala Kaddi  
Contributing Writer

Some students are familiar with the A. French Building only as the site of the French computer lab.

Others may just recognize it as the building across from Junior's.

For those who have never been there, the French Building, the original home of the school of Textile Engineering, is located on Cherry Street.

The French Building was constructed in 1899, making it the fourth-oldest building on campus.

Only the Academic Building (Tech Tower), the Shop Building and the Knowles Dormitory were built before it.

The French Building is part of the cluster of historic buildings near East Campus (the Hill District) that have a student-friendly environment.

"It's nice to have a mixture between modern and traditional structures on campus," said Brandi Flanagan, a fifth-year Architecture major.

"It's a refreshing contrast to the new buildings."

"I like to see some older buildings on campus. I think it gives our

campus character and charm," said Hillary Coor, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

The construction of the French Building and the Textile Engineering program are recounted in *Engineering the New South: Georgia Tech, 1885-1985*, a history of Georgia Tech by Dr. Robert McMath, the former vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Student Affairs.

It is also presented in *Splendid Growth*, the library's online exhibit.

During the late nineteenth century, the textile business was growing rapidly in Georgia.

Tech's second President, Lyman Hall, decided that starting a degree program in textile engineering would have wide appeal and increase enrollment.

In 1897, the state legislature agreed to contribute \$10,000 to the project if Tech raised an equal amount from other sources.

In 1898, President Hall sent identical letters to Aaron Samuel French, a Pittsburgh industrialist, and John D. Rockefeller to request funding for the textile school, promising both that the school would be named after the benefactor.

French donated the funds, and the French Building was completed the following year.

As Hall predicted, the school of Textile Engineering was an immediate success.

More than 125 students enrolled in the program during 1899.

The French Building housed the school of Textile Engineering until 1949, when it was moved to the newly constructed Harrison Hightower building.

The school of Polymer, Fiber and Textile Engineering was moved to its present location, the MRDC I Complex, in 1995.

The current occupants of the French Building are a diverse group.

They include the offices of the associate provost for Institutional Development and the assistant to the vice provost.

The Office of Undergraduate Studies, which handles prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes and Marshall, and the Office of Assessment are also located there.

The Georgia Tech ADVANCE Institutional Transformation program, a National Science Foundation-sponsored project that promotes the participation of women in science and engineering, is housed in the building.

There are also several classrooms on the first floor of the building.

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By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The A. French Building, named after a Pittsburgh industrialist in 1889, was first home to the then new Textile Engineering School.



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nal vice-president of SHPE.

"You don't have to be Hispanic to join SHPE. You just have to have an interest in Hispanic culture."

"The SSO will provide the cultural component to the event in the form of an Argentine Tango performance, Latin music and food from different countries prepared by

ourown talented members and board, as well as the overall warmth that is very characteristic of us Hispanics," said Katherine Fong, President of the SSO.

Kathryn Stucki discovered at the celebration that the SSO offers a Spanish-speaking partner program that she plans to take advantage of in practicing her Spanish.

The SSO is an organization that brings together Spanish-speakers for their common benefit.

"When people come to the U.S., there's some loss of the correct grammar and [the SSO] helps reinstitute the correct form of speaking," Stucki said.

"It gives people the opportunity to see how regular Spanish speakers speak."

Sebastian Guerrero, who was born in Columbia, decided to join both the SHPE and the SSO at the event.

"I plan to help out with Latin events throughout the year. I think the main motive [of this event] is to bring back Latin ambience," he said.

"There are a lot of memories for students [from other countries]. It's a fun experience."

Amanda Bryson plans on joining SSO as well.

"My goal is to learn more Spanish. I think these events are important in general because it keeps variety on campus," she said.

Bryson and others enjoyed small cups of *dulce de leche*, a sweet-milk dessert food from Argentina.

"I think it's really cool that all these organizations are showing their faces and coming together [as] it promotes unity," said Courtney Murray, a member of the African American Student Union.

"It's important to bring everyone together as a whole," Murray said.

"We hope this to be an ongoing trend in benefit of our entire Hispanic community," Fong said.

"It's important for all Hispanics to get together and for students of other



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students on Skiles Walkway get a variety of Latin food and drink from the different Hispanic organizations such as SHPE and SSO, who had tables during the Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff this Tuesday.

racers to be in these organizations and learn about their cultures," said Judianne Medina, president of the newly founded chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha, the Latina sorority.

"Hispanics are the fastest growing minority population here at Tech."

"Some people think that Hispanic organizations are just salsa dancing. We don't want students to believe the stereotypes," she said.

"The Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebration is meant to encourage all Hispanics to feel proud of our heritage, as well as to give an opportunity for non-Hispanics to learn more about our culture," Fong said.

Medina and others sold pina colodas while promoting at the event, which was one of the first strongly cooperative activities organized by the Hispanic organizations on campus.

"We don't usually work together.

This year [we're] going on a different level and trying to focus on that," Medina said.

Earlier this semester, SSO and La Unidad Latina, the Latino fraternity on campus, together organized Latino Welcoming Weekend.

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# Having twin on campus doubles fun, excitement

By Yang Lin

Contributing Writer

Family is much missed and valued by college students.

Some people are lucky enough to have a sibling attend the same university.

Perhaps even luckier are people have a twin who goes to Tech too. Do twins really have double the fun?

Twins around campus talk about the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of being a twin.

Sometimes, twins receive twice as much attention as an average student.

"[People] are like, 'Oh look, there are two of you,' and start a conversation," said Erin and Molly Clark, Biology freshmen.

"Or people I don't even know would walk by and say hi to me," Erin said.

"If we weren't twins, we probably wouldn't be doing this article," said Bryan Antic, a senior Management major, grinning.

Other times, their "twin-ness"

goes unnoticed.

"No one ever knows [we are twins] for the first time. We've had to show our driver's licenses," said Chetesh Devchand, fraternal twin brother of Chetan Devchand.

They are both seniors in Electrical Engineering.

However, some inconveniences are associated with looking alike.

"[Sometimes] people think of us as one person, 'Molly and Erin,'" Erin said.

"I respond to both Brandon and Bryan. It's like having two first names," said Brandon Antic, twin brother of Bryan Antic, also a senior in Management.

"It's not a big deal if you can't really tell the difference. But if you've known us for a while and you can't tell the difference, then that gets annoying."

"People [usually] ask what it's like being a twin. Well, I mean, what is it like not being a twin? You don't really know. You just go with it," Bryan said.

"Until we are separated and far

away from each other, I won't know what it's like to be on my own. Right now it's like I have an older brother who's really not older than me," he said.

"The Antics are often confused by people who first meet them," said Meredith Ray, Director of FASET programs.

"After knowing them for two years, I can easily tell them apart, but for the first few months, I continued to reverse their names," she said.

But the benefits of having a twin on campus outweigh the inconveniences.

"If you don't understand something, you always have someone to call or ask question about," said Chetan.

"We take the same classes together for the most part, and it helps to have someone to help take notes, or be lab partners."

"It makes it easier to always have somebody to go through things with," said Bryan.

"You always have someone there pushing you, because you don't want to be the slacking twin who's not doing anything. So there's always someone to keep you going," Brandon said.

"It would be weird [if Erin were not here]," Molly said.

"We are just so used to being always next to each other."

One wonders, did the twins decide to come here solely based on whether their twin was coming here or not?

"I don't think the decision [of coming to Tech] was necessarily weighed upon whether or not my twin decided to come here," Brandon said.

"[Tech] is one of the top schools in the country. The reputation speaks for it."

Bryan agrees: "I was actually pretty set on going to UGA, but changed my mind after attending



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jessica and Megan Kirk, both Industrial Engineering graduate students, are one pair of identical twins who can be found on Tech campus.

a couple Tech functions."

Erin and Molly have a different reason: "[We] wanted to go somewhere with Zoology, and Tech is the only school in Georgia that has it."

"We both like Tech a lot," said Molly.

"I love our campus, it's so pretty. And we are close to home but far away at the same time."

"I think life is different for them because they always have a sense of family everywhere they go," said Ketan Mehta, a good friend on the Devchand twins.

"I think that their college experiences would be vastly different if they had chosen to go to different schools because their primary relationships would become friends. I think having family around keeps one more in check as well."

"It is a feeling of home to have a sibling on campus. It is great to have someone to support you and understand where you come from,"

said Carly Wescott, a Management major, who was a FASET leader for the Antic twins.

Wescott's brother just graduated from Tech and their two years on-campus served to strengthen their relationship.

"It has been interesting for me to see how two people so alike in appearance can be very different, yet similar in personality," Ray said on the Antics.

"[Erin and Molly] get along really well. I am always surprised that they do not get into fights or anything like that," said Alison Hood, an International Affairs major who lives down the hall from the twins.

"We don't get treated differently than anybody else because we are twins," Bryan said.

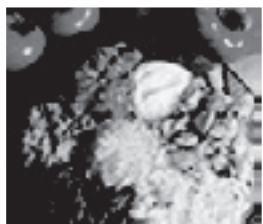
"I enjoyed it. There were ups and downs, the good and the bad, but when you come to a school that's this hard, you don't expect anything easy."



By Matt Emerick / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Juan and Miguel Amador, freshman twins, show off their tattoos of the 'Gemini' astrological symbol in front of their dorm, Caldwell.

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### THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



By Ben Keyserling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Last Tech Up Close:**  
Air-conditioner  
outside the Bunger-Henry Building

**Last week's winner:**  
No correct responses

## French from page 10

The basement hosts the French computer cluster, which is noteworthy for being quieter and less hectic than some of the other computer labs.

"Usually you have to wait in line at the library or the Student Center for a computer, but the computer cluster in the French Building is nice and not too crowded," said Gopika Suraj, a second-year Biology major.

Engineering Computing Services also has two classrooms in the building, one of which has CAD workstations.

Students feel that the historical character of the Hill District should be preserved.

"I feel that buildings such as the French Building need to hold onto their roots," said James Turnbull, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major.

"However it does need to be updated with the times in a style and manner that is befitting to its history."

Renovations of the French Building have kept this attitude in mind, both modernizing the building's interior and restoring its exterior.

"About a month ago, a new elevator system that will provide safe and convenient passenger service was installed in the French Building," said Bradley Satterfield, the Campus Architect.

The main entrance was also renovated.

"About two years ago, we completed the Hill Area Landscape Project, Phase Two. We found that the entry steps to the building were in poor condition," he said.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## WERE-RABBIT ATTACKS

Wallace and Gromit are back in their first feature length film. Find out if it's worth your valuable time **Page 15**

## NEW QB ON THE BLOCK

Read about backup quarterback, Taylor Bennett, who has been called on to fill in for Reggie Ball. **Page 27**

# Whedon's *Firefly* returns as *Serenity*

By Charbak Mitra  
Contributing Writer

One thing I think I should mention before I start on this movie is that I only screen movies that I know can't go wrong (see *Wedding Crashers*). On top of that, I don't settle for Hollywood's run-of-the-mill doggerel that has somehow pervaded

To satiate the fans, Whedon created *Serenity*, a kind of rest-of-the-season rolled up into a feature which answers many of the questions left unanswered in the series....

the way things are done in the movie business over the past decade.

This adventure movie is, by any measure, science fiction, which is pretty much preaching to the choir that is this newspaper's core audience. But for all of you regular people, ignore the quirky tendencies of sci-fi, because this movie is damn good. It's something entertaining, original and flying in the face of a Hollywood seemingly run by the mentally disabled.

*Firefly/Serenity* is a black hole of sorts, because anyone who gives it a chance is asking to get sucked into its fan base. For those of you out of the loop, *Serenity* is standing proof that what is good is not always popular, especially in the entertainment industry.



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The good ship *Serenity* tries to make its way through a pitched space battle which, all things considered, its crew almost certainly had a thing or two to do with creating in the first place.

The history of Joss Whedon's creation (after his production of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*) is a tragic, classic Fox fumble (case in point: *Family Guy*.)

The wild west meets sci-fi story of a crew of the freelance ship *Serenity* under the command of Captain Mal (Nathan Fillion) was picked up by the network, shown for less than one season and canceled.

It may have been from a network decision that sci-fi was out, an alienating genre with a bad rep for a seemingly dwindling demographic in today's world of fast food reality TV and self-medicated courtroom

dramas.

Making mockery of a blaringly revealing failure to trust in and recognize Whedon's talents, the produced episodes revealed, in telling numbers, the cult following by the wildfire DVD sales of the series.

To satiate the fans, Whedon created *Serenity*, a kind of rest-of-the-season rolled up into a feature presentation which answers many of the questions left unanswered in the series as well as providing some further insight into the government-spawned psychic River (Summer Glau).

In an adventure sense, in a com-

edy sense and in some deeper way that gets people attached to characters, it is a *Star Wars* trilogy wrapped up into one film.

Know-nothings can relax, no prerequisite research on the story need be done. It would be good to know that Inara and Shepherd were crew members on the television series, though.

It would also be advisable to watch a little of the show first, to get a gauge on the personalities of the characters. Then, put away the rest of the sad pabulum coming out of Hollywood, and get your kicks with *Serenity*. And try to hate it.

# Redwalls' *De Nova* lacks originality



PHOTO COURTESY CAPITOL RECORDS

The Redwalls pose in an overly-practiced manner on the cover of their equally overly-practiced second album, *De Nova*.

By Kenneth Baskett  
Contributing Writer

Beginning as The Pages in 2001, The Redwalls were originally a Brit Rock cover band. This influence shows up very clearly, if a bit dully, on

their sophomore album *De Nova*.

The Redwalls grew up in Deerfield, Ill. and consist of brothers Logan and Justin Baren, Andrew Langer, and Ben Greeno. This is their first record since signing with Capitol in mid-2003.

After seeing the cover of the CD, the comparisons to other recent retro-rockers like Jet, Oasis and The Strokes are inevitable. Upon listening to the album, it is clear that these aren't their sole influences.

The band's sound hearkens back to bands such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Free.

Don't let your ears betray you, though. Just because they sound British does not mean they are from Britain. Likewise, just because they sound like The Beatles does not mean they are nearly as good as them or any of the other bands mentioned above.

They do seem to be good musicians. Many of the songs have classic arrangements. They exhibit the same calm confidence with their instruments as bands that have been

recording for much longer. And the harmonies of Logan and Justin are extraordinary.

It is as though the band was created to make this type of music. Sadly, this is where the problem

The entire album sounds as though it could be recorded by cutting and pasting together songs out of the sixties.

lies. Everything seems a little artificial. It's like they are trying too hard. From the ridiculous get-up on the front cover to the lyrics of "It's Alright," the band fails to give a genuine rock and roll vibe.

The entire album sounds as though it could be recorded by cutting and pasting together songs out of the sixties. The aforementioned track, "It's Alright," is a shining example. I've heard the same musical formula in countless other songs.

During this process, the songs lost

## Doodle the day away today

Through Oct. 8, the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead is exhibiting "Doodles, Drafts and Designs: Industrial Drawings from the Smithsonian." The exhibit features original ink drawings, notebooks and pencil drawings that illustrate everything from Crayola crayons to Grand Central Station. The exhibit is on display in McElreath hall from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Sunday and Monday. Admission is free.

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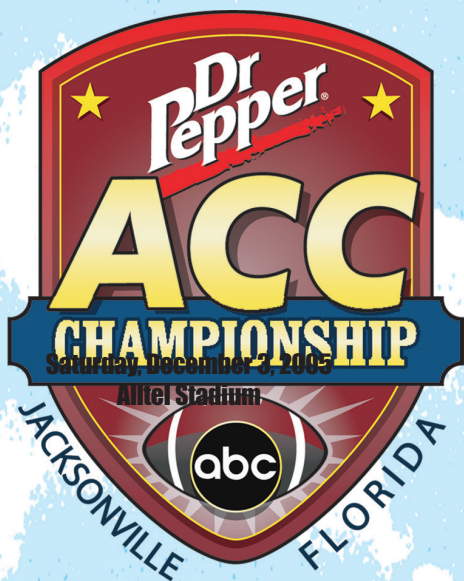
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# Wallace and Gromit delights regardless of age

By Evan Zasoski  
Entertainment Editor

Wallace and Gromit, everybody's favorite dog and cheese-loving inventor duo have finally hit the big time with their first feature film, *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. The film, from directors Steve Box and Nick Park, is a claymation film which seems to be aiming primarily for the great-for-kids-but-still-very-entertaining-for-mom-and-dad market, and it hits its mark spectacularly.

Wallace, an absent minded professor-esque inventor of Rube Goldberg contraptions, and Gromit, his dog whose primary charge is keeping Wallace's absent mind from getting them both killed, are in the humane pest control game, rabbits mostly, and things are going quite well for them up until a rabbit rehabilitation project goes awry and



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Wallace and Gromit enjoy a hot cup of joe or possibly tea in celebration of yet another successful humane rabbit capture.

produces an unstoppable produce-destroying machine known as the were-rabbit.

All of this trouble is then compounded by the fact that the town's

annual obscenely large vegetable growing contest is only days away, and the villagers are, to put it politely, less than happy about the presence of a murderous—from a vegetable's

point of view—rabbit monster being on the loose. From here, hilarity ensues in a thoroughly delightful fashion which is, as intended, fun for all ages.

The animation in the film is top notch. For any fan of stop-motion or claymation, this one's a must-see. It's second only, in technical brilliance, to the concurrently released *Corpse Bride*, but still more than worth seeing as far as the visuals are concerned.

The comedy is also great stuff. The bulk of it comes in the form of physical comedy and from the light-hearted character design. However, the filmmakers also seem to have a soft spot for puns and cheap jokes in general.

From the obligatory produce as a woman's breasts joke that's been done to death by every film in the last fifty years with a melon in it (*Were-Rabbit* manages the joke twice) to the naked

man scrambling for cover only to take shelter in a box marked "may contain nuts," this movie's got more throwaway jokes than you can shake a stick at. As such, anybody turned off by such humor would be well advised to take their \$10 elsewhere and save themselves 90 minutes of pun-induced groans.

As far as the non-family viewers are concerned, this movie is still quite enjoyable. It's definitely got a good bit more mileage in it than just being something painless to take the kid to. There are even a few gems thrown in there just for the more adult viewers.

On the whole, *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* is a very lighthearted film that aims to and succeeds in providing a little something for everybody. This movie will definitely entertain anybody who chooses to give it a chance, even if they are old enough to drink.

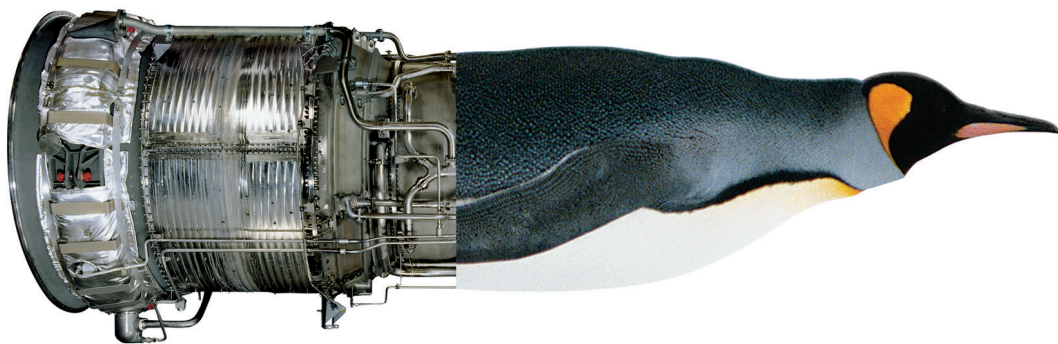
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Remember remember the 5th of november  
It's funny because it's bigger than a normal hat.  
Dear Brittain, Please stop giving me diarrhea.  
the human torch was denied a bank loan  
Ladies: please do not wear skirts and sit at the edge of the second floor of the library.  
Tech is watching you.  
So we have a choice of using crayons or colored pencils in a senior level class  
And I choose to use crayons!  
God Help the TA's who are gradin ma HW!  
Wow I did not realize that crayons are this messy.  
Erase + Crayons = Big Mess.  
Lol goodluck TA. Better not take points off.  
If Tech is known as North Avenue Trade School (N.A.T.S.), are we then NATSies?  
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what made them good. Whether it be an edgy song that is a little too soft or a protest song where there are better things to protest about, the record leaves one wanting.

Don't get me wrong, there are some good songs. "Front Page" opens with sounds of helicopters and news reports and melds into a ballad deriding the media for the way it handles the news. Yes, it's been done before, but the simple way in which it is handled here is very refreshing.

"The Glory of War" is a Dylan-esque protest song. It follows

Wilfred Owen's example, showing war for what it is and then calling it glorious.

The last track, "Rock & Roll," is played with energy and brings the album to a close much better than it was opened.

**For anyone with a father who believes that no good music has been made for at least 20 years, this album will make the perfect Christmas present for him.**

Sadly, all these songs come at the end of the album. By that point, most listeners will already be bored and ready to push the stop button.

Some will enjoy this album. For anyone with a father who believes no good music has been made for at least

20 years, this album will make a perfect Christmas present for him. For the rest, this album will disappoint despite having everything necessary to be really great.



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Big Easy Benefit:** Last Sunday, Little Five Points' own The Five Spot hosted a benefit concert for the recently hurricane-ravaged New Orleans featuring artists native to the beleaguered southern metropolis who have recently been left without homes, livelihoods or even instruments. Featured performers at the event included Emmanuel Burke, Clarence Johnson and Steve Walker. Pictured above is trumpeter, Desmond Venalbe.

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Model Center is stupid. Why does all of my stuff have to go in the folder they want it to?

Auxiliary Services: I hate you. I hate ALL of you. Everything you touch turns to crap.

I play the bagpipes, hear me roar

...Heard you had a fever 4 tha flava

Hey, I've got an idea... Let's **OUTSOURCE** the Tech Administrators who decided to give management of services to Aux. Services, which is unshy about spending students' fees, but is totally unresponsive. Biking around campus is turning out to be a real pain. Why don't you pedestrians pay attention to where you're walking?

Y does the manhole right outside the Brittain Dining hall have to stink so much!!

Football team? Save \$, drop entire team, put in any random intramural team. Embarrassing.

Football? If that is the best you can do, punt on third down. I can't remember if I slivered or not...

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We may be drunk, but we'll never forget you, Stripes!

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We'll never forget you... Physics tests on Tuesday suck.

Patrick is a sexy, sexy man. The physics problem of the day: Can Matt balance himself on a bottle of SKYY using only his chin?

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# 10010110 Two Bits 100110101

## Two Bits Man battles writers block, T-stealing jerks, Trivial Pursuit

It's been a rough week for your friendly, neighborhood Two Bits Man. Writing this column every week can be trying on even the best of us, and even though I'm about ten feet better than that, it's still pretty rough coming up with new material to sate the student body's seemingly unquenchable thirst for my totally unique brand of comedic satire in easy to swallow essay form.\*

All this is a very roundabout way of saying that, at least for this week, I got nothin'. Hell, it's not even like I had promising ideas. I had crap. I could have locked an epileptic monkey in a room with pen and paper, and he'd have come up with more engaging topics for a Two Bits.

Check out these turd blossoms. They're the best of the bunch, and that makes me a very, very sad Two Bits Man.

### My recent foray into the world of anime

This past weekend, I shed what little dignity I have left after so many years at Tech and attended Atlanta's own Anime Con,

AWA. I mean, how could I not get a whole article out of mocking a group of people who spend a significant chunk of their time obsessing over Japanese cartoon characters? The section on co-players alone should have taken up 200 words.

Alas, I couldn't bring myself to do it. These are people whose very existences are a kind of self-mockery that I, despite my scathing comic wit, could never top.

Anytime you've got a sub-culture whose overweight, male members regularly cross-dress in sailor suits complete with mini-skirts, there's really nothing more that can be done in the way of mockery.

### An open letter to those dicks who steal the Ts off of the buildings

This is a topic about which I feel most passionate.

However, there's really not much to say other than, "Stop it, you stupid assholes. You're making the whole school look like a pack

of jerks who don't know how to properly affix small metallic letters to its buildings for the purpose of identification."

### I could have locked an epileptic monkey in a room with a pen and paper, and he'd have come up with a more engaging topic for a Two Bits.

"Also, your skillfully crafted plan to get yourselves laid by displaying your alphabetical trophies to your intended target in the hopes that she'll rip her clothes off right there will and must

fail and leave you, as God intended, wholly without sex and thus, mercifully out of the breeding pool."

### My uncanny skill at Trivial Pursuit

Seriously, I'm amazing. It's totally insane how good I am at Trivial Pursuit. I even had the first line written out. It was, "I am incredibly good at Trivial Pursuit."

Unfortunately, that's about as far as I got before realizing that there's no way in all of creation for me to fill 500 words with such flimsy subject matter.

Sure, I could probably squeeze a paragraph or two out of how the sports category is like my Kryptonite or the time that I beat my friends, challenged them to a rematch while allowing them to keep all of the pieces they'd already accumulated and still managed to trounce them, but really and truly it was just not to be.

So, yeah. That's basically what I've got this week. My story is that I have no story.

Hopefully, my non-story has been at least sort of interesting, but let's face it. You guys probably stopped reading after I used the term "turd blossoms."

\*Dave Barry who?



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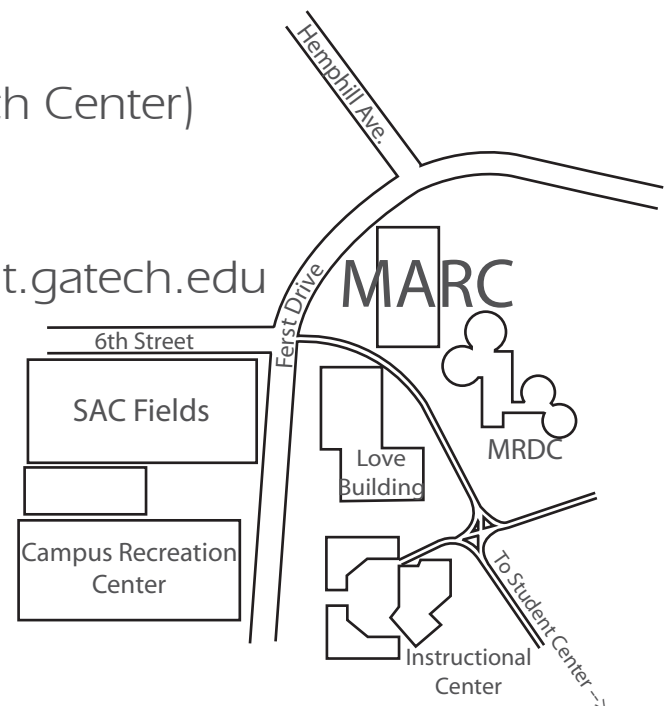
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By Robert Zimmerman  
United Features Syndicate

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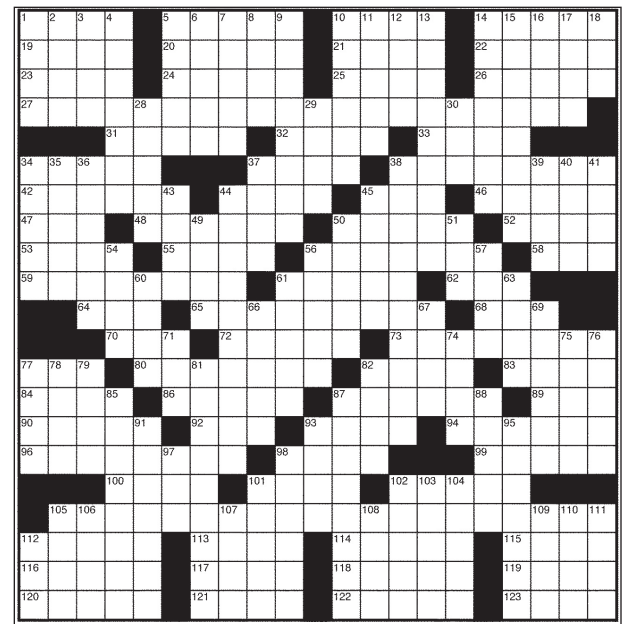
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14. Pass, said of time
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22. Deck out in finery
23. Pickle variety
24. Softly, in music
25. Silence!
26. Sleeps
27. Start of a quip by Spike Milligan: 7 wds.
31. Primp
32. Quarry
33. Dressing or drawing
34. Cramp
37. You bet!
38. Moral considerations
42. Buffet table item
44. Go under
45. Trite
46. Kickoff
47. A connective
48. Designer's

## specialty

50. — barrier
52. Farm structure
53. Stanch
55. Broccoli —
56. A drupe
58. Moisture at dawn
59. Generous
61. Authoritative command
62. Group of whales
64. Mao — -tung
65. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.
68. Kind of paint
70. Snaky swimmer
72. Breaks
73. Speaks loudly with force
77. Small dog
80. Noticeable
82. Slant
83. Get a move on!
84. Rara —
86. Musical sections
87. Boasted
89. Deck item
90. Extend a subscription
92. Soggy
93. Name in Genesis
94. Repentant one
96. Lively
98. Steak order
99. — Dame
100. Prince in opera
101. Cry at an auction
102. A nut

105. End of the quip: 5 wds.
  112. Toil
  113. As blind as —
  114. Landed estate
  115. Arizona river
  116. Work by Rousseau
  117. Dry
  118. Shaped like an egg
  119. Girasol
  120. Obsolete
  121. Perfect place
  122. Fathers and sons
  123. Island goose
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1. A mixer
  2. Seed appendage
  3. Effrontery
  4. SatelliteOs path
  5. Oversight
  6. Comparable
  7. Open expanse
  8. Fleming and McKellen
  9. Fowling pieces
  10. Connive
  11. Juvenile heroine
  12. Cut
  13. Frigid region
  14. Fleishy
  15. Replaces, in a way
  16. Formerly, formerly
  17. Alliance acronym

18. Bad: prefix
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30. Part of Scand.
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36. Fervid
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38. Municipal department
39. — -back
40. Gardner the writer
41. Pack
43. Musical despot
44. Humorless
45. Place for a glider
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50. Rods for roasting
51. Flatfoot
54. Goods for sale: abbr.
56. Skillful
57. Talk of the —
60. Understands
61. Peak in the Rockies
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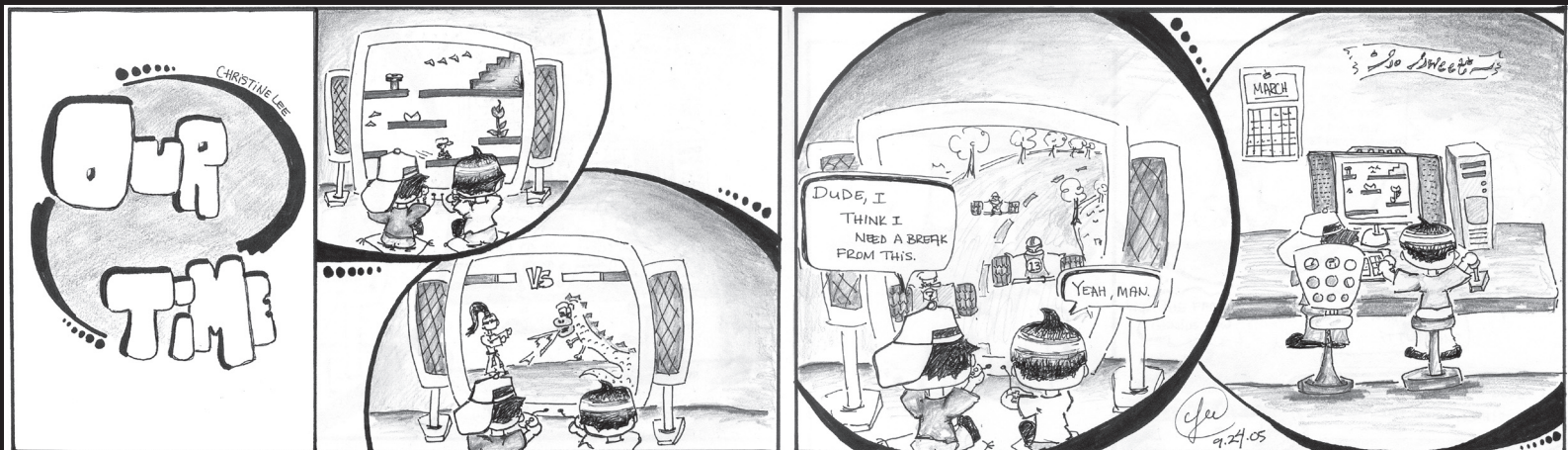


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78. Kiln
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82. Cheese variety
85. Amerindian
87. A spice
88. Shore or Washington
91. Bet
93. Quiet
95. Nine-sided polygon
97. Dally
98. Really, really bad
101. Trap
102. Kind of code
103. Overact
104. Largest asteroid
105. Baby talk
106. Newspaper item, for short
107. Under covers
108. Narcotic drink
109. Meerschaum
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111. Bulldogs' school
112. Directed

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	3:00	Beyond Human
	5:00	TECHtalk
	6:00	Somethin' Fresh
	7:00	Guess Who
	9:00	The Persuaders
	10:30	The Chan Gailey Show
	11:00	Buzz Videos
	12:00	The Wedding Date

sat. 10.1	12:00	National Lampoon
	4:00	Zilo Network
	6:00	Outlook Video
	7:00	The Merchants of Cool
	8:00	National Lampoon
	10:00	Buzz Videos

sun. 10.2	12:00	Miss Congeniality 2
	2:00	Zilo Network
	10:00	National Lampoon
	12:00	GTCN Late Movie: The Longest Yard

mon. 10.3	12:00	Alexander
	3:00	WTF Wrestling
	3:30	Masters of Technology
	6:00	Somethin' Fresh
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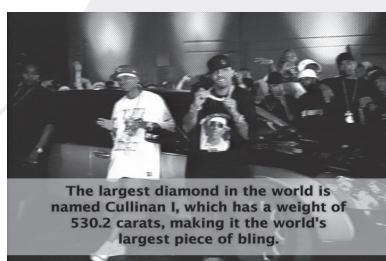
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	5:30	X Corps TV
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9:00	Tutor-Vision
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## Hokies from page 28

"We were backed up the whole time," Gailey said. "You have to be smart about what you do backed up out there. That's our fault for being backed up."

After the first touchdown by Virginia Tech, the Jackets started at their own 20-yard line, but a holding penalty on the first running play pushed them back to the 10. Ball found Johnson for a 19-yard reception. P.J. Daniels broke the next play for a 29-yard run to put the Jackets inside Hokie territory for one of the few times that game.

Ball completed a 14-yard pass on fourth down to put the Jackets into field goal range, but the drive would stall out at the Virginia Tech 18. Travis Bell lined up for a 35-yard field goal, but it was blocked by Jeff King and returned 78 yards for a touchdown.

With the touchdown the momentum totally shifted against the Jackets as a probable score of 7-3

quickly became 14-0 and the offense never rebounded.

"There wasn't a letdown, but [the blocked field goal] sure made the loss tougher," Ball said. "You turn your head for a second and it's 14-0."

"I think our guys were mad and upset [about the blocked field goal], but I have to get them better prepared to handle stuff like that," Gailey said.

To set up the lone touchdown for the Jackets, Johnson caught a 59-yard pass to move the Jackets into the red zone. This play and the touchdown pass were the only successful third down conversions for the Jackets for the whole game.

Virginia Tech All-American corner Jimmy Williams was covering

Johnson on both catches on the drive. Johnson finished the game with five receptions for 123 yards.

Ball completed 11 of 27 passes for 143 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Daniels was the leading rusher for the Jackets. He picked up 48 yards on 10 rushes. Tashard Choice followed with 29 yards on nine runs.

The Hokies were led by quarterback Marcus Vick, who made almost no mistakes the entire

game. He completed 13 of 18 passes and racked up 223 passing yards, including one touchdown and no interceptions. The Jackets sacked Vick just two times in the contest.

Vick and the Hokies had a bal-

anced passing attack, with a total of six receivers being used. David Clowney and Jeff King led in catches with three each.

Virginia Tech moved up to No. 3 in the nation, behind USC and Texas, as the Jackets slipped to the No. 25 in the AP poll.

Despite the many negatives that can be taken out of a blowout loss, the biggest positive that can be taken from the game is that despite the score, the Jackets continued to fight and gave a solid effort in a game that was out of reach by the end of the first half.

With the win, the Hokies move to 3-0 in the ACC and remain on top of the Coastal Division. Virginia also remains undefeated, although they have only played one conference game.

The Jackets continue their ACC schedule with a home game this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against N.C. State. The Wolfpack had an off week last week and are 1-2 this season, after losing to UNC last game. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

## ACC from page 28

fensive effort tonight and the performance by Jennifer for her inspired play for her teammates and her home crowd," Shymansky said.

After beating Wake Forest the night before, Tech lost to Duke last Saturday. Despite great play from Kellogg and Randall, the Jackets lost in four games. The Jackets opened strong by winning the first game 30-25 but then dropped three in a row 30-32, 26-30, 26-30 to end the match.

Kellogg posted a new career-high 18 kills while Randall recorded a career-high 33 digs.

It was Tech's first ACC loss since the 2003 season and the first conference loss in O'Keefe Gymnasium since 2002.

The Jackets, who have a 4-6 record overall, hope to improve on their 2-1 conference record as they play Florida State tonight at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee. On Sunday the Jackets will play at Miami at 1 p.m.

## sliver

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You say "poh-tay-to," I say "Vawd-kah."

My beef jerky gave Kurt hives.

Armstrong saved my Saturday night.

it puts the joe dirt in the hole my cure cd didn't transfer to my ipod correctly.

Stacey's bringing in her CD of ska bands covering new wave! Yes! Reel Big Fish doing "take on me"!!

Is it too late to ask Matt to start doing the ed cartoons again? Did he graduate and get a job?

Out of food. Time to go to Costco. Oh wait, it

6.40 on a Sunday afternoon. Gonna have to brave Pubix.

Yes, I spelled it "Pubix". And my apostrophe key should not be so close to the enter key.

Who says the wrestling club needs new uniforms? Let 'em do it greek style. Hotcha.

\$1000 to anyone who wants to steal my Audi then total it. Seriously.

I am out of shampoo. To Pubix it is!

i've a junior who missed his statics exam just because the MRL

VA Tech game = bad, except for many camera shots of Taylor without helmet. Viewing his sexy self helped ease the pain for this girl. Oh yeah!

How does Queen have the perfect song for every situation?

My roommate caught me picking my nose.

He laughed at me, so I flicked the booger at him.

My sliver got printed last week!!! The first time I submitted one ha!

Or burning to a CD. I miss Napster. The illegal version.

Why don't the police ever wave back?

GENERIC MAN STRIKES AGAIN! MWAH HA

Does hot chick bagpiper give private concerts?

GLH you are the hottest tech girl ever, will you be my gf/???

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# N.C. STATE (1-2) VS. GEORGIA TECH (3-1)

By Neil Paine  
Contributing Writer



N.C. State's strength is its defense, which gave them a chance to upset Virginia Tech in week one, but last game against UNC it failed to come up with crucial stops as the Wolfpack lost 31-24.

On offense the Wolfpack is led by senior quarterback Jay Davis who last week threw for 257 yards by completing 21 of 35 passes. Against the Tar Heels, the running game was nearly non-existent, racking up just 13 yards rushing for the entire contest.

In order for the Wolfpack to win this Thursday, it needs to have an improved running game and a defense that doesn't give up big plays.

"These kids are resilient and are good kids. They're excited about playing whoever it is the next week."

## Coach Chuck Amato

Speaking about being 0-2 in the ACC and playing in Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the Wolfpack hasn't won since 1988



## Four Key Questions

### • Can the Jackets regain their confidence after the tough 51-7 loss at Virginia Tech last week?

Last game may be one of those where you throw away the game film and look forward to the next contest. Virginia Tech may be the best team in the nation east of USC, and the Jackets were in one of college football's most hostile environments with their star quarterback at less than full health. This week the Jackets get to rebound against N.C. State, a team that is 0-2 in the ACC. Tech needs to use this game to regain confidence and momentum.

### • Can Tech move the ball against the N.C. State defense?

N.C. State linebacker Stephen Tulloch made 19 tackles including one sack last game against UNC. Defensive ends Mario Williams and Manny Lawson have also been known to make life difficult for opposing quarterbacks, combining for 13 sacks a year ago. The Wolfpack defense held a potent Virginia Tech offense to just 232 total yards in the season opener.

But Tech's offense has many things working in their favor. P.J. Daniels may well be the best back that N.C. State has faced this season, and a healthier Reggie Ball will connect with a strong Jacket receiving corps.

### • Will Tech's special teams rebound?

One could argue that poor special teams play set the stage for Virginia Tech's big win over the Jackets: blocked field goals, missed field goals, botched punt returns and poor field position all worked against Tech. Excluding the blocked kick, Travis Bell is 5-7, although his two misses were both 43-yard attempts. The Jackets can improve on returns and kickoffs. Like Virginia Tech, N.C. State traditionally blocks a lot of punts, but Jacket punter Ben Arndt has not had a punt blocked this season.

### • Can the Jacket defense disrupt quarterback Jay Davis?

In the season's first three games, Tech's defense forced 10 interceptions and picked up eight sacks. Last week was the first game that the defense did not have an interception. N.C. State's offensive line is not as good as Virginia Tech's, however. The Wolfpack has given up eight sacks in three games, but Davis is the most experienced quarterback Tech has faced this season.

If given time to throw, Davis has shown he can be successful on almost any secondary. The key for the Jackets will be to keep pressure on him to force him to make the mistakes that plagued his 2004 season. Last year, for example, he threw five interceptions in a loss to Clemson and three more interceptions against the Jackets.

The Jackets haven't lost to the Wolfpack since the 2000 season, and look to regain momentum after their 51-7 loss against Virginia Tech.

Tech's defense should have no problem with the Wolfpack's offense, especially if they shut down N.C. State's running game like they did a year ago, holding them to just 1.7 yards per carry. In addition the Jacket defense is currently tied for first in the NCAA in interceptions.

With quarterback Reggie Ball coming off 11 days of rest, Tech's offense can continue their recent winning streak against N.C. State.

"In general our guys in the past have been very resilient, and I would expect our focus to be where it needs to be for this next ball game."

## Coach Chan Gailey

Speaking on recovering from the Virginia Tech loss



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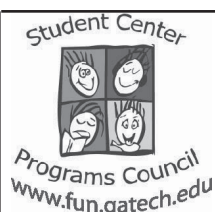
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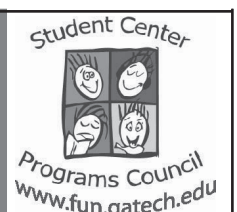
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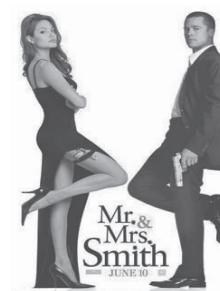


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By Ed Chyau / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**C**ontinuing the legacy: The club hockey team has been a part of Tech life since 1973. Last weekend the club began the 2005 season with two games in Nashville. On Friday Tech beat Vanderbilt 8-4 but then lost to Tennessee the next day 3-2. Club president Mike Zaucha is a returning senior.

## Women's lacrosse starts fall season at CNU tournament in Virginia

The women's club lacrosse team begins its fall play this weekend at a tournament hosted by Christopher Newport University in Danville, Va. With seven matches scheduled for Sunday, the team will face off against Greenville, UNC, Elon, North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, Presbyterian and CNU.

Although the team's official season does not begin until the spring, the fall season is an opportunity to see some new competition. The CNU Lady Captains, for example, are an NCAA Division III team.

Katie Buckler, a sophomore defender, is optimistic about the upcoming season. "We were third in our conference last year behind Florida and Georgia, and we have a lot of good freshmen coming in so we are hoping to up our standards," she said.

With the exception of senior

Christina Moy and junior Katie Meyer, the team is composed entirely of sophomores and freshmen.

The club team competes in the Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League (SWLL). Last year seniors Jen Crews and Kim Williamson were named to the All-SWLL team.

As goalie Williamson was an integral part of the team's success. Katrina Kumm, a sophomore from Fargo N.D., takes over at goalie this season.

Head Coach Will Oakley was named SWLL Coach of the Year. The former All-American from the men's lacrosse team takes over his second season as head coach of the women's team.

The team meets four times a week, with practices on Mondays and Thursdays 4-6 p.m. and workout sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.

### sliver

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Yesterday the CDC announced that they are expecting an epidemic of TBS this winter here at Tech. For vaccinations, please come to Center Street Apartments Room 205.

Bad News Freshman, the TBS incubation period is about over, which means Tech returns to being all male again.

Arrggghhh.....Talk Like A Pirate Day is the Greatest Day of the Year

50 car pillup near VPI after the game Saturday....good thing there are no major roads near Blacksburg, their traffic would be worse than ours

Who thinks Bush being a dumbass is the biggest Constitutional problem we face today.....only a parrot would say such a thing

TBS at an all-time high this year....I hope the Hill is happy now!

Why are we celebrating a day for something that our country is not even using....

8am classes zombify students....ya right, I mean they have to stay up an extra hour after that gaming session with their friends in Japan

when is FEMA going to come relieve us of our TBS epidemic

we should have tried to use Reggie as a weapon....are we sure that if he had eaten dinner with the VPI football team they all would not have gotten Meningitis too

no trip to VPI for the Silver Bullet this year, maybe next time....

Who wants to take a ride in the Silver Bullet to South Beach next month

I toast the guy who wrote the Tech Bitch Song...you are my idol

Feds mandate Constitution Day.....irony anyone?

Who thinks that Will guy who writes about the gour-team(sic) matches needs to learn to spell

Real men laugh at wiffle ball.

Pearl Harbor sucked... and I miss you...

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# by the numbers

## 17

The number of events, out of a possible 22, in which members of the Tech Swim Club beat their UGA counterparts at the GCSU Invitational on Sept. 24. The swim club won first place in men's, women's and overall competition, facing off against Florida, Georgia College and State, Miami of Ohio and UGA.

## 378

The number of receiving yards that sophomore receiver Calvin Johnson has this season. Johnson ranks No. 1 in the ACC and No. 13 in all of NCAA Division I-A football. Mike Hass, a senior at Oregon State, leads the nation with 670 yards.

## 13

The number of days until the Tech swimming and diving fall schedule begins. The men's team hosts Tennessee on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Both the men's and women's team compete against Georgia on Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. Both meets will be in the Tech Aquatic Center

## 61,949

The average attendance at Tech's first four football games. The season opener at Auburn was played in front of a sell-out crowd of 87,451. This past weekend 65,115 watched in Blacksburg, Va. At Bobby Dodd Stadium this season the average attendance is 47,615.

# Backup Bennett steps up when called upon

By William Bretherton  
Contributing Writer

Ever since Taylor Bennett made the short-notice start against Connecticut in week three, he has become a common name on campus. Previous to Bennett's start, Reggie Ball had started 27 consecutive games and was becoming the standard name as Jacket quarterback.

After the Jackets beat the Huskies 28-13, fans were shown that Ball isn't the only one who can lead the offense.

The St. Louis native spent most of his high school career as backup to Josh Mathews, a three-year starter at Lafayette High School.

While this may have discouraged many of the top programs in the country from giving Bennett scholarship offers, it did not keep him from looking at them. During the summer of his junior year, he visited many Nike summer camps, including visits to Stanford and Texas A&M.

"My Mom and I would travel to different schools to visit college campuses and get my name out there," Bennett said.

Before looking at Tech Bennett was first given a scholarship offer by Boise State. Other offers came from Indiana, Rice, Baylor and Illinois, which was his mom's alma mater.

Bennett wanted to go to a top-tier school, though. So he and his mother continued to send out game tapes on Friday nights after his games.

"When I came to Atlanta, I really loved Tech and the tradition and

prestige surrounding the program," Bennett said.

Bennett graduated from high school in December 2003, which gave him an early start to life on campus. After graduation he immediately started working out with the Jackets as they were preparing to make the trip to Boise, Idaho for the Humanitarian Bowl. He was able to travel with the team to Boise and stand on the sidelines to watch his future teammates.

Bennett noticed early on, like most new Tech students, that there was huge jump between high school and college, both on and off of the football field.

His studies required more self-discipline as classes got harder, and on the field, the speed of the game became faster. In addition Bennett had to learn new blitz schemes and coverage packages that opposing defenses would throw at him.

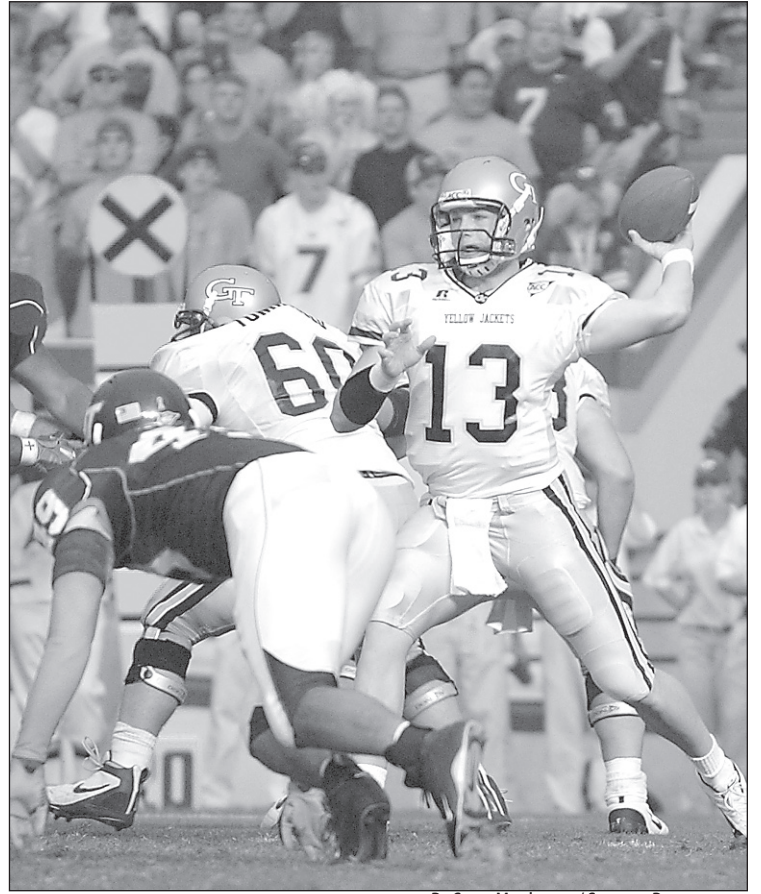
Until this season, Bennett

saw no game action, which is why he is a red-shirt freshman this year. Had Ball remained healthy, Bennett may not have gotten his first start until two seasons from now, but that all changed against Connecticut on Sept. 17, just five days after his 20th birthday.

Bennett found out that he was going to start just two hours before the game. Naturally, his family didn't know either. As the team made the pre-game walk down Yellow Jacket Alley en route to the locker room, Bennett went to his mother and whispered the good news to her.

**"If [Ball] goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do."**

**Taylor Bennett**  
Backup quarterback



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett started against Connecticut and then saw action at the end of last week's Virginia Tech game.

"I don't think I was that nervous. I was less nervous than I thought I would be. I thought I would be a whack-job, but I treated it as a back-up thing. If he goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do," Bennett said.

Bennett's first play of his college career was a 42-yard touchdown completion to fellow second-year Calvin Johnson.

"It was a check. The first play was a check. If the pass was there he's supposed to take the pass and if the run was there he's supposed to call

the run. They gave him the pass, and he took it," said Head Coach Chan Gailey after the game.

Bennett finished the game completing 11 of 30 passes with 142 yards and no interceptions. Bennett also saw limited action at the end of the Virginia Tech game.

After college Bennett would like to continue playing football for as long as possible. When his football days are over, he would like to pursue a career in the public sector as a CIA agent or work for another government intelligence agency. He also has always wanted to travel to Russia as well.

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NEW CD *DE NOVA* IS A NO GO

The Redwalls' second album is no star. Read the review of this American group who tries to sound like a 1960s British band. **Page 13**



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Countdown to the school championship:** The MEGA All Stars play the Assorted Nuts Wednesday night in the graduate division of flag football. Flag football and other Phase I intramural sports are nearing the end of their regular seasons. In the next two weeks, post-season playoffs begin. This year a single school championship team will be crowned in each sport.

The captain's meeting for Phase II sports is this Monday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the First Center. Online registration begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 4. The sports for Phase II are soccer, volleyball, bowling and billiards. Soccer and volleyball cost \$40 per team while billiards costs \$43 and bowling is \$135. The first day of competition is October 23.

## Jackets split ACC matches



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore hitter Ulrike Stegemann attacks the Wake Forest defense in last Friday's game. Stegemann had 12 kills and a .429 hitting percentage as the Jackets beat the ACC foe.

By Melissa Gegenheimer  
Contributing Writer

The Tech volleyball team began ACC play this past weekend against Wake Forest and Duke. Tech matched up against Wake Forest Friday night in the ACC opener. After dropping the first game to the Demon Deacons 25-30, Tech rallied back to win the next three 30-27, 30-25, 30-26.

Led by the offensive play of Talisa Kellogg and the defensive play of Jennifer Randall, the Jackets improved their overall record to 4-5.

"We had a gritty win tonight and it was rewarding to watch our team with their sweat on the court to grind out a victory," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. "Our offense is finally starting to click as players are solidifying their spots in our lineup and on our team."

The notable difference between the play of the Jackets and the Demon Deacons was the offense. Tech hit a season-high .278, whereas Wake Forest hit .227. With a career high 16 kills, Kellogg greatly contributed to Tech's outstanding offense.

There were four other Tech players with double-digit kills. Callie Miller and Nikki Kaminskas each posted 13 kills while Ulrike Stegemann had 12 and Laura DeMichelis had 11. Tech's offense was run by Lindsey Laband who recorded a season-high mark of 60 assists.

In addition to Tech's impressive offensive play, the Jacket defense came alive as Randall tied her career record with 23 digs on the night.

"I'm most proud of our de-

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## Football suffers tough loss to Hokies, drops to 3-1

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

After an impressive 3-0 start, including a road-victory over Auburn and a gritty win over Connecticut with starting quarterback Reggie Ball out of the lineup, the football team dropped its first game of the season with a 51-7 defeat at the hands of the Virginia Tech Hokies.

"I think that they're the best football team I've seen since I've been in the ACC," said Head Coach Chan Gailey. "I said that earlier in the week, and I didn't change my mind tonight."

"It was an old-fashioned beat down," P.J. Daniels said.

Virginia Tech Head Coach Frank Beamer displayed his "Beamer Ball" as the Hokies scored three non-offensive touchdowns.

A blocked field goal and two interceptions were returned for touchdowns. Since 1999 only Miami, with 53 touchdowns, has more than the 49 non-offensive touchdowns posted by the Hokies.

Ben Arndt avoided having any punts blocked and the Jackets had the best performance to date punting the football. Arndt had 11 punts at

an average of 42 yards with several of those coming in the face of a solid Hokie rush.

Arndt punted four times in the second half and none of them were returned for more than a yard.

Ball managed to start just five days after being released from the

**"Their defensive line is probably the best I've ever seen. It was tough, and they did bring a lot of pressure."**

**Reggie Ball**  
Quarterback

hospital with viral meningitis. He saw limited practice time in the days leading up to the game.

Ball's only touchdown pass came in the third quarter off an 11-yard connection with Calvin Johnson. In that same quarter, the Virginia Tech secondary ran back two interceptions within 26 seconds of each other, as

the game was put out of reach for the Jackets.

While the interceptions look good on the stat sheet for the Virginia Tech defense, they fail to capture the game. The Hokies won the game with superb special teams and an impressive defensive front that was able to keep pressure on Ball the entire game. This allowed the linebackers the opportunity to drop back into coverage by the midway point of the second quarter.

"Their defensive line is probably the best that I've ever seen," Ball said. "It was tough and they did bring a lot of pressure."

The story of the game, for the Jackets, can be told by their starting field positions. The best starting field position for the Jackets was their own 34-yard line, and the average starting position was on the 20-yard line.

Virginia Tech punter Nic Schmitt netted 47 yards on six punts including dropping a 61-yard punt inside the one-yard line at the start of the second quarter. Five of the seven kickoffs resulted in touchbacks or were kicked through the back of the end zone.

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By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior P.J. Daniels rushed for 48 yards on 10 carries against the Hokies. The Jackets only gained 74 rushing yards in the 51-7 loss.